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- 1. In 1950 a pilot plant for the manufacture of sulphamides was being tested by ICEPS, but there was no production as of that time.
- 2. It was claimed that a woman chemist of ICEPS, a Dr. Cioranescu, developed an improved method for the production of streptomycin. A pilot plant was being built for this process in 1950.
- 3. The petroleum section of ICEPS was working on a method for the utilization of petroleum cracking slag which involved mixing it with soft coal coke. The soft coal coke is not satisfactory for use by itself as it does not contain sufficient humic acid. The process appears promising, the chief problem being the determination of optimum proportions. The cracking coke is used for heating.
- 4. Professor Blum, who was in charge of petroleum research in 1950, was occupied with the study of humic acids in order to find ways of improving the quality of the Rumanian soft coals whose humic acid content is too low. He at one time lectured at Oxford.

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